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We mourn the death of **Winston Clark**, minister of Lanett Congregational Christian Church more than 20 years ago. During his ministry he served at a church in the South Alabama/Northwest Florida Association of the Southeast Conference. He also served congregations in Florida, Maine and Hawaii during his years of service. Recently he was an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity in Newnan, GA. His funeral was held in Portland, Maine and a memorial service was observed by the Lanett Congregational Christian Church on December 12.

It is with precious memories and great sadness that we inform you of the death of Mrs. Warren Blankenhorn on January 9. She was the wife of Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn and an active member in both the EAL-WGA and GA-SC Associations. Evelyn will be remembered as a steady worker in many of our SEC gatherings. She also worked diligently in the kitchen at youth camps on the Florida coast and with so many other organizations. Follow this link to read more about Evelyn and to sign her guest book.

Pray for Safe Journey

Six seminary students from Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA joined 6 members from SEC churches and 3 members of the conference staff on the 2012 Global Theological Education excursion in Thailand. They will be traveling from January 4 thru January 21. Please keep our 15 travelers in prayer as they journey throughout Thailand.



Participants from the 6 churches include:

Yelanda Collins | Community Congregational Church, Montgomery, AL; Angela Balfour Franklin | First Congregational Church, Birmingham, AL; Marcia Free | Church of the Savior, Knoxville, TN; Carrole Moss | Victory for the World, UCC, Stone Mountain, GA; Debra Spearman | Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA Barbara Sullivan | Victory for the World, UCC, Stone Mountain, GA.

Conference staff members include:

Kathy Clark | Associate Conference Minister; Tim Downs | Conference Minister; Sarah Kim | Associate Minister for TAP.

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